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SILVER LIFE SAVING MEDALS.

Silver life saving medals awarded by the Secretary of the Treasury were forwarded by the Secretary of the Navy to the following men for assisting in the rescue of the late Commander Francis M. Maile, U.S.Navy, from drowning on 25 January, 1939:

ALLEN, Marshall Hobson, A.C.M.M., U.S.N., Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.

Next of kin: Wife, Mrs. Helen M. Allen, 3670 Menlo St., San Diego, Cal.

KELLER, Leo George, Sca. 1c, U.S.N., Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. Edd N. Keller, Fort Lyon, Colo.

RING, Timothy Richard, A.M.M.1c, U.S.N., Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.

Next of kin: Father, Mr. Timothy J. Ring, 817 N. 6th St., Harrisburg, Pa.

COMMENDATION FOR INTEREST AND INGENUITY.

The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation forwarded a letter of commendation to Larue Everette Sims, A.M.M. 2c, U.S.N., for the interest and ingenuity displayed by him in designing and manufacturing a special tool for assembling intercyylinder drain pipe assemblies on R-1535-82, -84-94, -96 and R-1830-64 engines.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AND THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION.

Letters of commendation have been issued by the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, based upon the recommendations of the Naval Reserve Inspection Board in its report regarding the organization, administration, and qualifications of Organized Reserve units for the fiscal year 1939.

By the Secretary of the Navy.

Commander Ernest J. Flannigan, D-O, U.S.Naval Reserve, commanding the First Battalion, Boston, Mass., First Naval District, the battalion having the highest final national merit in competition with thirty-six other battalions.

Lieutenant Charles F. Hooper, DE-O, U.S.Naval Reserve, commanding the Third Division, First Battalion, Boston, Mass., First Naval District, the division having the highest national final merit in competition with one hundred and forty-seven other divisions.

This is the second consecutive fiscal year in which the First Battalion and the Third Division commanded by Commander Flannigan and Lieutenant Hooper, respectively, have stood the highest among all other battalions and divisions of the Naval Reserve.

By the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Captain John T. Nelson, D-O, U.S.Naval Reserve, Director of Naval Reserve for the First Naval District, for the outstanding showing made by the Naval Reserve units under his direction.

COMMENDATIONS (contd.).

Commander Albert L. King, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the Third Battalion, Portland, Maine, First Naval District, the battalion having the second highest national merit.

Lt. Commander Renwick S. McIver, DE-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the Fourth Division, First Battalion, Philadelphia, Pa., Fourth Naval District, the division having the second highest national merit.

Lieutenant William H. Harrison, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the Sixth Division, First Battalion, New Orleans, La., Eighth Naval District, the division having the third highest national merit.

Lt. Commander Milton E. Borden, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the Seventh Division, New Bedford, Mass., First Naval District, the division having the fourth highest national merit.

Lt. Commander John R. Litchfield, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, commanding the Fifth Division, First Battalion, Boston, Mass., First Naval District, the division having the fifth highest national merit.

Battalion Trophy.

The Battalion Trophy is a bronze plaque presented by the U. S. Naval Reserve Officers' Association and awarded annually by the Navy Department to the battalion of the Naval Reserve having the highest efficiency mark assigned by the Naval Reserve Inspection Board. For the fiscal year 1939 this trophy has been awarded to the First Battalion, U. S. Naval Reserve, Boston, Massachusetts, First Naval District, commanded by Commander Ernest J. Flannigan, D-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, during that year, making the second consecutive year in which that battalion, while under the command of Commander Flannigan, has won the trophy.

Division Trophy.

The Division Trophy is a bronze plaque, presented by the U. S. Naval Reserve Officers' Association and awarded annually by the Navy Department to the division having the highest efficiency mark assigned by the Naval Reserve Inspection Board. For the fiscal year 1939, this trophy has been awarded to the Third Division, First Battalion, Boston, Mass., First Naval District, commanded by Lieutenant Charles F. Hooper, DE-O, U.S. Naval Reserve, making the second consecutive year in which that division, while under the command of Lieutenant Hooper, has won the trophy.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION BY CHIEF OF BUREAU OF NAVIGATION FOR

NAVAL COMMUNICATION RESERVE NATIONAL RADIO COMPETITION FOR THE YEAR 1938-39.

As a result of the Twelfth Naval District standing first in the Naval Communication Reserve National Radio Competition for the competition year 1938-39, letters of commendation were sent the following officers by the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation:

- (1) Comdr. Henry C. Flanagan, U.S.N. - District Communication Officer, with additional duty as instructor Naval Communication Reserve, Twelfth Naval District.

COMMENDATIONS (contd.).

- (2) Lt. Commander Henry K. Huppert, C-V(S), U.S.N.R. - Commander Naval Communication Reserve, Twelfth Naval District.
- (3) Lieutenant Wilfred Munter, C-V(S), U.S.N.R. - Executive Officer, Naval Communication Reserve, Twelfth Naval District.
- (4) Lieutenant Harry E. Redeker, C-V(S), U.S.N.R. - Commanding Officer, Section 2, Naval Communication Reserve, Twelfth Naval District.
- (5) Lieut. (jg) Ralph A. Jack, C-V(S), U.S.N.R. - Commanding Officer, Section 3, Naval Communication Reserve, Twelfth Naval District.
- (6) Lieut. (jg) Horace Meyers, U.S.Navy - Communication Watch Officer, with additional duty as Assistant Instructor, Naval Communication Reserve, Twelfth Naval District.
- (7) Ensign Julius Goritz, C-V(S), U.S.N.R. - Commanding Officer, Section Four, Naval Communication Reserve, Twelfth Naval District.

SPONSOR FOR THE U.S.S. BENSON.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. William S. Benson, of 2420 Tracy Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., as sponsor for the U.S.S. BENSON (DD421), named in honor of her husband, the late Admiral William Shepherd Benson, U.S.Navy.

The U.S.S. BENSON (DD421) is scheduled to be launched at the plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Fore River, Quincy, Mass., 15 November, 1939.

This vessel, the first one of that name, was authorized by Act of Congress, March 27, 1934.

TENTATIVE SLATE FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS.

The following is the tentative slate of junior officers for new construction requiring officers prior to 1 June, 1940. It is published for the information of commanding officers to facilitate internal organization of ships and of the individuals concerned to facilitate personal plans.

Orders will be issued as far in advance of detachment date as possible. Officers will be detached in time to report to their new ships approximately six weeks prior to the commissioning date. Approximate detachment dates are shown. Anticipation of, or delay in, completion dates coupled with the need to utilize government transportation to the fullest extent may require detachment one to two months earlier than the approximate dates shown.

NEW SHIP	OFFICER	SHIP TO WHICH ATTACHED
Wainwright	Approximate detachment date - January	
	Lieutenant (jg) S. F. Spencer	Idaho
	Ensign V. J. Soballe	Arizona
	Ensign W. A. Payne	California

TENTATIVE SLATE FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS (contd.).

NEW SHIP	OFFICER	SHIP TO WHICH ATTACHED
Wasp	Approximate detachment date - February	
	Lieutenant (jg) B. J. Semmes, Jr.	Badger
	Lieutenant (jg) H. D. Fuller	Cushing
	Lieutenant (jg) W. E. Lewis	Dunlap
	Lieutenant (jg) H. C. Laird, Jr.	Jacob Jones
	Ensign H. I. Mandel	Lexington
	Ensign J. C. H. Smith	Saratoga
	Ensign W. R. Cook	Colorado
	Ensign D. S. Bill, Jr.	Lexington
	Ensign D. G. Bryce	Saratoga
	Ensign J. M. Gore	Ranger
	Ensign S. P. Gantz	Yorktown
	Ensign W. W. Gentry	Enterprise
	Ensign O. D. Hughlett	Lexington
	Ensign R. J. Slagle	Saratoga
	Ensign J. H. Smith, Jr.	Ranger
	Ensign V. V. Utgoff	Yorktown
	Ensign L. S. Wall, Jr.	Enterprise
O'Brien	Approximate detachment date - February	
	Lieutenant (jg) A. M. Purdy	Maryland
	Ensign E. J. Kemp, Jr.	Colorado
	Ensign W. K. Rogers	Idaho
Walke	Approximate detachment date - April	
	Lieutenant (jg) J. M. Wolfe, Jr.	Pensacola
	Ensign W. J. Collum, Jr.	Nevada
	Ensign T. J. Guinan	Oklahoma
Benson	Approximate detachment date - April	
	Lieutenant (jg) E. B. Schutt	Louisville
	Ensign C. M. MacDonald	Maryland
	Ensign M. P. Refo, III	Mississippi
Madison	Approximate detachment date - May	
	Lieutenant (jg) F. T. Thompson	New York
	Ensign W. J. Salmon	Pennsylvania
	Ensign E. M. Westbrook, Jr.	Tennessee

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS OF LIEUTENANTS AND LIEUTENANTS
(JUNIOR GRADE) NOW ON THE PROMOTION LIST.

Because of the terms of the Line Personnel Act of 23 June 1938, the Bureau is unable at this time to approximate the dates of promotion of those officers now on the promotion lists for the grades of lieutenant commander and lieutenant. However, based on past experience, it is believed that when the forthcoming selections for promotion to the grades of captain and commander are announced, it will be found that all such lieutenants and lieutenants (junior grade) will have made their numbers between 1 August 1939, and 1 November 1939, inclusive.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS OF LIEUTENANTS AND LIEUTENANTS
(JUNIOR GRADE) NOW ON THE PROMOTION LIST (contd.).

In view of the foregoing, the Bureau will proceed to issue the orders for the examinations of all officers now remaining on the promotion lists for the grades of lieutenant commander and lieutenant, with instructions that examinations be completed not later than 1 March 1940. Consideration will be given to requests for delay beyond that date in cases where delays are justified by reason of special circumstances.

POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL.

The commissioning of naval vessels necessary for enforcing neutrality necessitated sending to sea from the Postgraduate School at Annapolis 129 officers. Those ordered to sea duty were:

School of the Line.

General Line	27
Naval Engineering (Operating) 1st year	28
Naval Engineering (Operating) 2nd year	29
Communications, Applied, 1st year	19
Communications, Applied, 2nd year	20

Technical School.

Aerological Engineering, 1st year	6
Total	<u>129</u>

It was also necessary to order to sea duty 11 members of the senior class, 14 members of the junior class, and 4 members of the staff of the Naval War College. Five first-year law students were sent to sea.

There are now remaining at the Postgraduate School 97 students, 82 of whom are line naval officers. The groups remaining at the Postgraduate School are the first and second year students of the Technical School, comprising the Ordnance Engineering, Radio Engineering, Naval Engineering (Design), Aeronautical Engineering Groups. Second year students in Aerology were also retained.

TRAINING COURSES.

The following Navy Training Courses are now available for distribution:

"Instructions for use in Preparation for the rating of Storekeeper
Second Class."

"Instructions for use in Preparation for the rating of Radioman Third Class."

SHIP'S SERVICE INSURANCE.

The Bureau of Navigation is advised that the Judge Advocate General has examined and found in proper form an endorsement to the insurance policy offered by the Niagara Fire Insurance Company. This endorsement offers for an additional premium protection against loss of money or securities due to: robbery from a custodian within the premises; outside the premises; safe burglary; burglary, and compelling custodian to return or divulge information leading to loss of property.

ST. CATHERINE'S MILITARY SCHOOL, 215 NORTH PALM ST., ANAHEIM, CALIF.

This academy is conducted by the Dominican Sisters to meet the needs of young boys between the ages of five and fifteen. A special rate is granted to the children of officers.

ADVANCEMENT IN RATING OF BROKEN SERVICE MEN.

Attention of Commanding Officers is invited to Article D-5106(3) of the Bureau of Navigation Manual. Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 12-39 provides that broken service men may count their previous service as first class petty officers in computing their multiples - but the service requirements as set forth in Article D-5106-(1), Bureau of Navigation Manual, must again be fulfilled by broken service men before they are eligible for advancement. Article D-5106(3).

JUNIOR RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MENUS.

It has been the custom in the past few years for the American Junior Red Cross members to send to ships of the Fleet attractive printed Christmas menus. Word was received last year from a Commanding Officer that the menus arrived too late to be used as he already had printed menus prepared. It is realized that many ships use these covers for inserting printed or mimeographed menus. The size of the menus sent the ships of the Navy are 6" x 9" and may be expected annually in time for Christmas use.